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COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS.  
(Incorporated 7th of July, 1843.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....\$25,000,000,  
RESERVE FUND.....\$30,000,000

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AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:  
London, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,  
Marseille, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,  
LYON, CALCUTTA, HANKOW,  
NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHEW,  
MELOCUNE, and SYDNEY.

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THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

MESSES C. J. HAMBRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking and Business.

F. COCHINARD,  
Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.  
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per annum.

6 " 4 1/2 "

12 " 5 1/2 "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,  
Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....\$2,100,000 Dollars.

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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, March 22, 1882.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has Admitted Mr. M. L. SALAMON into PARTNERSHIP from this date, and the Business in future will be Conducted under the Style of "HOLMES & SALAMON."

(Signed) GEORGE HOLMES.

Queen's Road Central,  
1st May, 1882.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by MEERS KYNOCH & Co., of WIRTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1882.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the Undersigned in the Firm of Messrs. D. D. ULLA & Co., of Amoy, Foochow, Takao and Taiwanfu, has CHANGED from the 30th of April, 1882.

E. N. MEHTA.  
B. S. MEHTA.

We Have THIS DAY commenced BUSINESS as MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS at Amoy, Foochow and Taiwanfu, under the Style and Firm of "MEHTA & Co."

E. N. MEHTA.  
B. S. MEHTA.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. FRANCIS BLACKWELL FORBES in our Firm, CEASED on the 31st December, 1881.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong and China, 20th April, 1882.

### NOTICE.

We Have appointed Agents for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA; of Tokio, at Their Port.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. CHARLES KAHN in our Firm CEASED on the 30th April, 1882.

REISS & Co.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1882.

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY,

the 3rd of June, 1882, at 2 p.m., at the Premises of the former Pier & Godown Company, Limited, Wan Chai, Praya, (Unless previously disposed of by Private Contract).

THE PLANT

of the former Hongkong Pier & Godown Company, Limited, consisting of:

50 Open GOODS' TRUCKS.

2 TURN-TABLES, 12 feet diameter,

adapted for 3 1/2 gauge.

1 10-ton WEIGH BRIDGE WHEEL SPAN, of 10 feet and 3 1/2" gauge.

3 TRAVELLING 2 Ton STEAM CRANES.

About 3,000 Feet of RAILS.

All the above is on the WAN CHAI PIER, or in the Godowns of Messrs MEYER & Co.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

For Particulars, apply to

F. RAPP,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 20, 1882.

### TO LET.

(POSSESSION ON 1ST JUNE NEXT.)

THE FIRST FLOOR, West Side, of "MARINE HOUSE," No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD. Now in the occupation of Messrs. WILSON & BIRD.

Apply to E. BELLIOS.

Hongkong, May 16, 1882.

### TO LET—FURNISHED.

PART of BUNGALOW, West Point (next to SPANISH CONSULATE).

For Particulars, apply to J. R. MCDONALD,

Lane, Crawford & Co.

Hongkong, May 20, 1882.

### TO LET.

NO. 4 and 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Nos. 2 and 4, PEDDER'S HILL.

Apply to DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, May 8, 1882.

### TO BE LET.

THE FRONT PORTION of PREMISES formerly occupied by the late E. CHAPEL & Co., 15, QUEEN'S ROAD. Suitable for either One or Two OFFICES or a STORE.

Apply to H. L. DALEYMPLE.

Hongkong, April 13, 1882.

### TO LET.

(WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.)

THE HOUSE known as "PARSE VILLA," ROBINSON ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to G. R. LAMMERT,

Pedder's Wharf.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

### TO LET.

COMMODIOUS OFFICES and Com-  
PANIES' QUARTERS, &c., with or  
without GODOWNS, in Pedder's Wharf

Buildings, at present in the occupation of

Messrs Hesse & Co., View of the Harbour.

Possession to be had from the 1st May next.

Apply to G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, April 5, 1882.

### TO KEE.

COAL MERCHANT,

33, WING HING LANE, HONGKONG.

KEEPS in hand for Sale all Kinds of

STEAM COAL of the best quality, at

moderate rate; also has always Powerful

STEAM LAUNCHES for Hire at a reasonable

Charge, either for special Purposes, Excursions, or Towing.

Hongkong, January 13, 1882.

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## For Sale.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

#### CLARETS—

From a SOUND WINE at \$3.50, to CHATEAU LAFITE.

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SHERRIES—

## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
HAVE REMOVED  
to their  
NEW AND EXTENSIVE  
PREMISES,  
No. 53, Queen's Road East  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONERAT),  
WHERE they have special facilities for  
conducting their Town and Harbour  
Business, and trust to incur a continuance  
of Public Confidence and Support.  
A FULL STOCK OF STORES,  
WINES, &c.,  
ALWAYS ON HAND, INCLUDING:  
FRESH YORK HAMS.  
CHRISTMAS CAKES.  
TEYSSEUR'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
ALMONDS and RAISINS.  
PICNIC TONGUES.  
COCONUTINA.  
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.  
LINDNER & ENN'S COCOA.  
FRENCH PLUMS.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.  
MINCEMEAT.  
CHOCOLATE—MENIER.  
SAUSAGES.  
BRAINS.  
ISIGNY BUTTER.  
DANISH BUTTER.  
BREAKFAST TONGUES.  
ANCHOVIES.  
ASPARAGUS.  
SOUPS, &c.

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**  
CHAMPAGNES—  
HEIDENREICH'S MONOPOLE & WHITE  
SEAL.  
VEUE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.  
JULES MUMM & Co., pinta & quarta.  
CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
CHATEAU LA ROSE, pinta & quarta.  
CHATEAU LAFITE, " "  
IREN GRAVES, " "  
BREAKFAST CLARET, " "  
SHERRIES & PORT—  
SACOCHE MANZANILLA & AMON-  
TILLADO.  
SACOCHE OLD INVALID PORT  
(1849).  
HUNT'S PORT.  
BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—  
1, 2 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.  
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KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.  
ROYAL GLENDER WHISKY.  
CHARTEUSE.  
MARASCHINO.  
CURACAO.  
ANGOSTURA.  
BOKER'S and ORANGE BITTERS.  
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and  
SAUNDERS, pinted and quarted.  
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &  
J. Burke, pinted and quarted.  
PILSENER BEER, in quarts.  
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.  
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TOPCOAN BUTTER.  
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.  
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Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.  
PICKLED OX-TONGUES.  
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Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.  
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.  
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 2½ lb cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage  
MEAT.  
Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Assorted PICKLES.  
MINCEMEAT.  
COMBE HONEY in Original Frames.  
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.  
Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.  
" " Lunch TONGUE.  
McCart's Sugar LEMONADE.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
Smoked SALMON.  
Green TURTLE in 2½ lb cans.  
&c., &c., &c.

**YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.**

**C**RACKER  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb  
tins, and loose.  
Alphabetical BIS-  
CUITS.  
Fancy Sweet Mixed  
BISCUITS.  
Ginger CAKES.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Oyster BISCUITS.

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OATMEAL.  
HOMINY.  
CORNMEAL.  
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.  
RYE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED  
**C I G A R S .**

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 and 10 catty Boxes.  
BREAKFAST CONGO @ 25 cents p. lb.

SEASIDE LIBRARY, 15 to 25 cents.  
**FRANKLIN SQUARE LIBRARY**, 15 to  
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MILNE'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF  
SAFES, and CASH BOXES, at  
Manufacturer's Prices.

FAIRBANKS SCALES.  
OAKUM.  
TAR.

TURPENTINE.  
PAINTS and OILS.  
Hongkong, May 15, 1882.

## Entertainment.



NOW OPEN EVERY EVENING  
AT 8 O'CLOCK.

PERFORMANCE COMMENCING AT 9,  
AT EAST POINT, BOWRINGTON,  
HONGKONG.

**TO-NIGHT, May 24th.**

**CHARPINI'S ROYAL ITALIAN  
CIRQUE**

AND

**PERFORMING ANIMALS!**

WILL EXHIBIT UNDER MAMMOTH TENTS,  
FOR A SHORT SEASON ONLY!

The Largest Spread of Circuses ever seen  
on this Hemisphere; Seating Accom-  
modation for 5,000 People.

THE GRANDEST RING PAGEANT  
ON EARTH!

**FAMOUS ARTISTS,**

Frosh from the leading Circuses  
and Hippodromes of Europe and America,  
who will introduce all the  
Latest and Most Striking Marvels of the  
EQUESTRIAN, ACROBATIC, and  
GYMNASTIC ARTS.

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England's Star-Sabre Queen, from  
HENGER'S GRAND CIRQUE, LONDON,  
ENGLAND.

MISS EMILY ROLANDE,  
The Fearless Rider and Graceful  
Pantomimist,

In her Charming Principal Act and  
Specialties.

MISS ADA STOODLY,  
The Charming Little Fairy Equestrienne.

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The Lady with the Iron Jaw, will perform  
Prodigious Feats of Mandibular Strength,

Piveling off with her Teeth, a Brass  
Cannon weighing 175 lbs, and con-  
cluding with her Vampire Flight  
across the Immense Circus Pavilion; suspended only by her  
Teeth.

Mlle. ZAZO,

The Beautiful and Superb Young Lady  
Gymnast and Acrobat.

LAVYAT LEE,

From Foreigner's Monstrous Museum  
and Circuses.—The Daring Somnourus  
Equestrian, in his unrivaled performance on a Bare-backed Horse, introducing Pi-  
ronettes, Backward and Forward Soi-  
seaults.

Mr. FRED. WATSON,  
Principal Rider and Comic Change Artist.

MASTER CHARLIE WATSON,  
In his Champion Hurdle Act, also Tumb-  
ling and Contortion Acts.

Mr. CHARLES STOODLY,  
The famed Bare-back Rider & Voltiguer.

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(in number),  
First Class Artists.—From the Paris Hippo-  
drome.

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HORSES, whose UNRIVALLED PERFORMANCES  
have been the Wonder and Admiration  
of the Whole WORLD, and have won for them

Owner and Educator, Signor CHIARINI,  
numberless Medals and Costly Gifts from  
RULERS and MEMBERS of the NObility of  
every country in Europe, in token of their  
appreciation of his wondrous SKILL, and the  
intelligence and docility of his SUPERB  
HORSES.

PROF. LORENZ JOHNSON,  
The fearless Tiger-Tamer, will enter the  
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Performing Royal Bengal Tigers!  
In the Menagerie Department will  
be found

An Educated Zebra from Africa. A South  
American Camel. A Black Bear from the  
Himalaya Mountains. A Black Tiger from  
the Jungles of Central India. Two Ele-  
phants from Ceylon. Royal Baby Tigers only  
a few weeks old. A Kangaroo, the Won-  
derful Animal of Australia. Various spe-  
cies of Monkeys. Apes and Baboons are  
taught to ride the Beautiful Lili-  
putian Sheland Ponies in a Steeple Chase.

PRICES of ADMISSION:

Boxes, Six Chairs, \$12.00.  
Chairs (Dress Circle), 2.00.  
Stalls, Carpeted Seats, 1.00.  
Pit, 0.50.

Children under ten and Soldiers under the  
rank of Officers, half-price except to Boxes.

A reserved division of the Carpeted and Pit  
Seats has been arranged for NATIVE LADIES.  
(To which they alone are admitted.)

A Plan of the Seats can be seen at the  
Entrance to the

HONG KONG HOTEL

(Mr. MOORE'S OFFICE);

where Tickets will be on Sale To-DAY and  
DAILY from 9 A.M. till 4 P.M., accom-  
modating Parties who may wish to secure  
seats in advance.

Doors open at 7.30 p.m.—Performance to  
commence at 9 p.m. punctually.

Hongkong, May 24, 1882.

## Mails.

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.**

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,  
VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "REGIC" will be despatched  
for San Francisco via Yokohama on  
WEDNESDAY, the 31st May, 1882, at  
3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama,  
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan  
ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to  
address in full; and same will be received  
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the  
day previous to sailing.

A REDUCTION of 25% made on all  
RETURN PASSAGE ORDERS ISSUED.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-  
land, Mexican, Central and South American  
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's  
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,  
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 50a, Queen's Road Central.

CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr.,  
Agent.

Hongkong, May 10, 1882.

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NOTICE.

**VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.**

THE Annual General MEETING of the  
VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB  
will be Held on WEDNESDAY, the 31st  
May, at 6 p.m., at the BATH HOUSE,  
Hongkong, May 24, 1882.

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NOTICE.

**PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.**

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA,  
PORT SAID, SYRIA, PORTS,  
NAPLES, MARSEILLE, AND PORTS  
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;

ASIA,

BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND  
PORT LOUIS.

Hongkong, May 24, 1882.

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**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.**

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA,  
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LOUIS.

Hongkong, May 24, 1882.

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NOTICE.</

## THE CHINA MAIL.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The sketch of the discussion, on Municipalities, by the Singapore Debating Society, which we reproduced from the *Singapore Times* in our Monday evening's issue, betrays an amount of non-acquaintance with Eastern Corporations which is not a little surprising. There is not a single Municipality in all India, including Burma, that is entirely elective and practically independent of Government. The presence of Government Officials, or Representatives of Government, in local boards entrusted with self-government exercises a salutary control over their proceedings. The independence of local boards is, both in theory and practice, based upon the fact that the money which they disburse is raised by themselves in their own localities. This would imply care and circumspection in local administration; but it is not always found to be an effective safeguard against wastefulness and other practices; and public opinion in the East is not sufficiently strong, and the rate-payers are not sufficiently educated, to exert like beneficial effects and watchfulness in operation among more advanced communities elsewhere. The right for Governmental interference in municipal concerns is derived from concession and grants-in-aid from the general treasury; but the assistance thus rendered is never intended to cripple local administrative bodies. In the principal towns of India from one-third to one-half of the Municipal Commissioners are Government nominees; the privilege of electing the remaining members of the Committee being entrusted to the rate-payers. The President is invariably a Government official. In the smaller towns, the Committee is invariably composed of a majority of Government officials, who are always ex-officio members; so that no resolution inimical to the authorities is ever likely to be carried. Furthermore, the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Chief Commissioner at the head of the Government of the Presidency or Province, may veto or annul any resolution which may run the gauntlet of a local committee. In the rising city of Rangoon which was incorporated in 1874, we learn that the rate-payers are much interested in the coming election for municipal representatives under the limitations as to number already stated. This is from 30 to 40 years a younger town than Singapore and 10 years under Hongkong; and the difficulty regarding intelligent electors and disinterested representatives does not appear to be so great there as that anticipated from the concession of franchise in either of these places mentioned. The necessary elements, in some degree or other, for self-government exist in every community. Time and circumstances are necessary to create the western ideal of such institutions. In this, as in other things, a beginning must be made; and local representative government would be the natural outcome of growth, from which alone independence can be evolved.

Europe, and create a corresponding increase in the demand. It is generally believed that cheap Bengal rice is suitable for brewer's purposes and distillers, and, if once introduced, would soon become a staple, like Indian wheat, which is now wanted on its arrival. It is very suitable for the Chinese market; but this is a matter we leave for the consideration of our commercial readers—that is, whether Bengal rice at something less than a cent a pound in Calcutta would be preferable to the Bengal and Siam exports ruling here at 20 per cent more.

A new demand is springing up in the United States which no part of the world is better able to supply than China. The most recent "fad" in the "head centre" of sensationalism is a form of aestheticism which has developed into a passion, a consummate yearning, to have every particle of furniture, as far as possible, made of bamboo. There are regular shipments of prepared bamboos suitable for the purpose made from Calcutta to New York and Boston; and there is no reason why this aesthetic taste should not be turned to profitable account by China—the land par excellence of the *Bamboo*. A still better trade might be opened in the export of manufactured bamboo articles, such as the Ningpo furniture, the most beautiful in the country, inlaid with figures in bamboo. The mode of preparing the bamboo for export in Bengal may be briefly described as likely to prove useful here. The stems are merely smoothed or trimmed by the cutters, who bring them into Calcutta. The skin must be as perfect as possible, and worm-eaten sticks are rejected. After selection, the stems are cleaned and then covered with a mixture of turpentine and cocoanut oil to preserve them from the action of damp sea-air or salt water. They are then tied in bundles of fifties, and are ready for export. The hour of the day or night, season of the year, and particularly the age of the moon, are important considerations to bamboo cutters throughout the East, and said to be important factors in regulating the quality of the bamboo as regards the use to which it is intended to be applied.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

(Per E. E. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

## RACING.

LONDON, May 23.—The latest betting on the Derby is:—

Bruce.....	2 to 1
Shots.....	5 to 1
Quicklime.....	1 to 1
Dutch Oven.....	5 to 1
Pursebearer.....	15 to 1

## THE CRISIS IN EGYPT.

LONDON, May 23.—A peaceful solution is expected of the difficulties in Egypt.

## SAFETY OF THE SUZ CANAL.

LONDON, May 23.—The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question, said that the safety of the Suez Canal would be early taken under the consideration of Government.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The O. & O. E. S. Co.'s *Gaelic*, with the next American mail, may be expected on or about the 1st of June. The P. M. steamer *City of Peking* may be looked for here about the 14th June.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 10.50 a.m.

The S. S. *Gaelic*, with mails &c., from San Francisco to the 2nd inst., has arrived at Yokohama, and leaves for this port tomorrow (25th).

It will be seen by advertisement that the annual meeting of the V. R. C. is called for Wednesday evening, the 31st inst., at the Bath House.

The P. & O. company's steamer *Verona*, which conveys the first homeward mail from here, having lost one of the blades of her propeller, was docked to-day, in order to have it replaced. Her departure is therefore delayed until Friday afternoon, the mail closing at the same hour as the French mail, i.e., 11.30 a.m.

We have to acknowledge receipt of a well-printed volume entitled "The Truth about Opium; being the substance of Three Lectures delivered at St. James' Hall on the 9th, 10th, and 23rd February last; By William H. Brereton, late of Hongkong, Solicitor." As soon as practicable, we shall have a few words to say upon the position taken up by Mr. Brereton in his new role of public lecturer and author.

The Amateur Concert in aid of a local charity, which has been fixed for to-morrow week (1st June), will take place in the City Hall Theatre. From the programme, which has been issued, we judge that a pleasant evening will be spent by those who attend; and it may be noted that the ladies and gentlemen who have organised this entertainment in the cause of charity deserve the warmest thanks of the community. "Hands all Round" will be sung; and the concert will conclude with "God save the Queen." The following is the programme:—

Part I.

OVERTURE.... Italiano in Algeria (Rossini)

SONG and CHORUS..... Old Comrades

GELE..... Sweet and Low

SONG.....

SELECTION..... Scotch Medley (Carroll)

PART SONG..... When Evening's Twilight

SONG..... A Warrior Bold

Part II.

SELECTION.... Il flauto Magico (Mozart)

NATIONAL SONG & CHORUS..... Hands all round

SONG..... Slow in the Eastern Sky

SELECTION..... Les Cloches de Corneville

Solo and Chorus..... God save the Queen

ONLY a few trivial cases were heard at the Police Court this morning by Capt. Thomas, the sitting Magistrate. Cannon, the blackumber who was convicted of making a false report of the loss of the ship *Bolton Abbey* in the latter part of last year, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour for being drunk and incapable in Hollywood Road yesterday evening; and Wong Akum, who had six previous convictions recorded against him, was sentenced to a like period of imprisonment for being in the unlawful possession of a bamboo hat.

QUEEN Victoria's 63rd birthday has been celebrated in Hongkong to-day, by all loyal and true-hearted British residents, and when the late dastardly attempt on the life of Her Majesty has been remembered, the feeling of loyalty has been all the stronger. The Government Offices, Courts, and Banks have been closed, and many of the public establishments have observed to-day as a general holiday. In the morning, the annual trooping of the colour took place on the Parade Ground, and, although the weather was rather dull and uncomfortable, a goodly number of spectators witnessed the ceremony. The Buffs and the Artillery, Colonel Parnell commanding, marched in line on the Parade Ground about six o'clock, and among other evolutions, formed in review order, fired a *jeu de joie*, gave the Royal salute and marched past in companies. This is the first occasion, we believe, on which the Artillery have taken part in the firing of a *jeu de joie*. At twelve o'clock the Shore Battery fired a Royal salute of 21 guns; salutes also being fired from the *Victor Emmanuel* and the various English men-of-war in harbour. Bunting was extensively displayed by the British mercantile and merchant shipping in harbour, and the Royal Arms were flown at Government House, Head Quarter House, and on board the *Victor Emmanuel*. To-night an "At Home" will be given at Government House by His Excellency the Administrator and Mr. Marsh.

The weather was more favourably disposed towards Signor Chiarini last evening than on the two previous nights. The performance did not disappoint public expectation, the well-established reputation of the Royal Italian Circus being fully sustained in a varied and attractive programme.

May 3.—The Burmese Embassy, this afternoon, had their first interview with the Vicere. They were received under a salute of fifteen guns. The interview was purely formal; but negotiations began immediately.

(London and China Express, April 21.)

The *Hunan*, the new steamer built by Messrs A. and J. Inglis, for the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, will probably leave this country about the middle of next month to proceed to China.

We regret to record the death of Captain Tribe, formerly well known in China, and for some years past Secretary to the Merchant Seamen's Benevolent Institution.

Latest Mail—Advises—Yokohama, 8; Foochow, 9; Hongkong, 13. The French mail, with the advice dated as above, from China and the Straits Settlements, was delivered, at Naples, on the 17th instant, its due date. The Japan advice was received, *rid* San Francisco, on the 18th instant. The next inward (P. & O. mail) steamship *Bangalore*, from Shanghai March 16, was despatched from Alexandria on the 19th instant, one day early.

As we anticipated, now that the proposal of the amalgamation of the three Eastern banks comes to be sifted, there are no grounds for it. Two of the chairmen at the meetings of the Eastern banks held this week mentioned the matter, but only to say that they had seen nothing except what had appeared in the Press, and that if in the event of such a scheme being proposed they would advise the shareholders to reject any such scheme. The fact that difficulties would speedily arise were there to be any sort of monopoly would have the effect of immediately creating one or two, if not more, opposition banks. Besides, no set of directors would be able to adequately undertake the work that would be put on them, and as one chairman observed, the business would be unwieldy. That there were only two shareholders out of the three meetings who rose to support such a scheme shows, we think, pretty accurately that we were correct in our surmise, that the movement was not entertained by those who wished to go.

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See 11. Any person who shall cause, aid or abet, the bringing into the United States of any of the interdicted classes shall be liable to fine and imprisonment, the latter

not over one year.

See 12. No Chinaman shall be permitted to enter the United States by land in any other way than that provided for entry by sea. Any Chinaman coming unlawfully, in any manner, to the United States, shall be removed therefrom to the place whence he came at the cost of the United States.

See 13. This Act shall not apply to diplomatic or other agents of the Chinese Government, or their body or household servants.

See 14. No State or United States Court shall naturalize Chinese.

See 15. The words "Chinese laborers" shall be construed to mean both skilled and unskilled laborers and Chinese employed in mining.

It is stated that concurrently with the development of the Russian military power in the Amoor region an addition will be made to the regular naval force located in and about Vladivostock. This has hitherto consisted of two thousand seamen and marines, one-half being usually ashore and the other half ashore. The number ashore will be increased to 1,750, by the despatch of extra seamen from Cronstadt; and later on the season, five hundred men will be added to the force ashore. These 3,250 seamen will belong to what is known as the "Siberian Flotilla" and will be altogether apart from the Pacific Fleet.

The *Irishman*, a Dublin organ of which Mr. Parnell, M.P., is proprietor, contains in its issue of 15th inst., under the title of "Spring Leaflets" the following note in reference to Sir John Pope Hennessy:—

"Sir John Pope Hennessy is at home, or on his way home. We can condone many faults in the once brilliant advocate of Polish rights for two reasons:—The first that he has been uniformly kind to Irishmen whom the fate cast into the colonial settlements he administered, and the next that he invariably made friends among the natives and enemies among the English traders and planters at Labuan, in the West Indies, and more lately at Hongkong. He must have got in him and a strong love of fair-play. But, then, he would be far more useful employed cooking stones at his official residence than coqueting with a constituency which, consistently with his antecedents, he cannot afford."

The British Consul at New York is offering rewards for information which will lead to the discovery of the perpetrators.

The annual general meeting of the Oriental Telephone Company (Limited) Mr. Fender, M.P., who presided, in moving the adoption of the report, observed that

gram says that Mr. Forster has been reinstated as Chief Secretary for Ireland. The assassins are probably American Fenians.

The following telegrams are from the latest Sydney papers:—

LONDON, April 24.—In the House of Commons to-night, Mr. Gladstone delivered the Budget speech. He stated that the revenue had increased but slightly. The revenue from alcohol liquors was decreasing, but that was gratifying and a healthy sign that workmen's savings were increasing. The surplus from 1881 amounted to £362,000. The estimated expenditure for the current year was £34,600,000, and the estimated revenue was £35,000,000. £200,000 would be applied towards relieving the burden of local taxation. A sum of £200,000 would be required for the Government of Cyprus, and £280,000 as extra pay for the forces in Ireland. The increase of the duties on private carriages was estimated to produce a quarter of a million, which is to be applied to the reduction of local highway rates.

APRIL 25.—Recent advices from Rome state that the health of the Pope is anything but good, and that his condition gives rise to some anxiety.

Messrs Arthur, Bass, M.P., Matheson, Joseph Pease, Milbank, and Hussey Vivian have been created baronets.

The trial of the officials who held responsible for the Ring Theatre disaster has been commenced at Vienna. Eight persons, including the Mayor, are arraigned for failing to enforce proper precautions for the safety of the audience.

APRIL 26.—The death is announced of Ralph Waldo Emerson, the well-known American poet and author.

Lauzon, who will be excused to-day for the murder of his brother-in-law at Whitstable.

The following telegrams are taken from our Indian files:—

SINGAPORE, April 25.—Major Baring has been promoted to colonel, and duly appointed to command the 2nd Battalion of the 10th Bengal Native Infantry.

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SINGAPORE, April 25.—The Burmese Ambassador, with three attendants and a British officer, had an interview with the Foreign Secretary this morning.

The Envoy paid a formal visit to the Vicere to-morrow. His powers are much greater than have been represented by some newspapers. The Mandalay Government is genuinely desirous of being on friendly terms with the British Government. The Envoy, in fact, may be regarded as plenipotentiary.

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